



Brownfields 2017 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet Chicopee, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Cleanup Grants

\$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Chicopee for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up Buildings 15, 27, and 42 at the 28-acre former Uniroyal Tire Complex located at 154 Grove Street. The site was previously utilized as a lumber yard and as a manufacturing site for tires, bicycles, and adhesives. Building 15 was used as the power generation station for the Uniroyal Tire Complex and houses large turbines and transformers that utilized coal and oil to produce energy. The building is contaminated with arsenic, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, inorganic contaminants, and metals. Buildings 27 and 42 are connected and encompass a combined 77,750 square feet of vacant industrial manufacturing space. All three buildings are contaminated with mercury, PCBs, and hazardous substances. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach, cleanup planning activities, and air monitoring following completion of the cleanup.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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